

Inventor(s): Berens et al.

Appln. No.: 09 852,053

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Filed: May 10, 2001

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Group Art Unit 1652

Examiner: Fronda, C.

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M# Client Ref

Appln. Title: CORYNEBACTERIUM GLUTAMICUM
STRAIN WITH ENHANCED
SECRETION ACTIVITY

Date: March 17, 2003

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim

A. ☒ NOT made
B. ☐ Withdrawn
C. ☐ made herewith
D. ☐ made previously

For B & C
See **Required
Separate Paper
(Pat-256)**

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	65	**minus 20	45	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$810	103/203
3. Independent Claims	4	***minus 3	1	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$84	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application)				add	+ \$280/\$140 =	+ \$0 104/204
5. Original due Date: March 17, 2003		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE				
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached	(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =		+ \$0		115/215
	(2 mos)	\$410/\$205 =				116/216
	(3 mos)	\$930/\$465 =				117/217
	(4 mos)	\$1,450/\$725 =				118/218
	(5 mos)	\$1,970/\$985 =				128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract				- \$0		
8.				Extension Fee	+ \$0	
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee				+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c),				+ \$180	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request				+ \$180		126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)				+ \$750/370	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b).....				x \$750/375 ea	+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)				+ \$750/375	+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for					+ \$0	

TOTAL FEE = \$894

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16. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0".

17. **If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

18. ***If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975)

(Our Order No. 021123 0280248

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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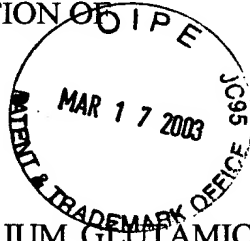
In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated December 17, 2002, wherein the claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. The applicants traverse in view of the following amendment and remarks.

I. AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-8, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 20-39.

20. (New) A *Corynebacterium glutamicum* bacterium comprising at least one isolated *Corynebacterium glutamicum* polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

a) an isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, wherein said polypeptide has at least the same activity in promoting excretion of an

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